

Parkside Football Club 1897/2017

Bill Doolan proved to be one of the most successful Parkside coaches.

"DURING his four years as coach of the Parksides, Bill Doolan, the former Footscray star, has gained wonderful results. His team has won the premiership twice, as well as finishing in second and third places on the other occasions. With his pleasing manner, Bill is popular with the Parksides, who are fully appreciative of his services. One of them, Jim Gardner, is proud of the fact that it was he who first induced the ex-League and Association man to come to them. Bill has not only given yeoman service to the club as coach, but, in addition, has been more than useful in aiding injured players to recover, as was instanced by his treatment to Rob Sainsbury and Harold Tomlins. He is said to be contemplating retirement this season, but I have no doubt that before he is allowed to do so, strenuous efforts will be made by the Black and Whites to retain his services."

The Mail, Saturday, October 2, 1936



William Doolan known as Bill Doolan (1895 – 1963)



"A back pocket player for Footscray during that club's last few years in the VFA and its first five in the VFL, Bill Doolan could always be relied upon to give a solid, imperturbable account of himself. Excellent overhead, he was an acknowledged master of the saving mark, and also repelled many opposition attacking thrusts with his fine judgement and determination to win the ball. He was in the back pocket in the Tricolours' 1923-4 VFA premiership teams as well as the 1924 state premiership victory over Essendon. In 1925, Footscray's debut season in the 'big time', he was one of the club's first two VFL interstate representative players. "

<http://australianfootball.com/players/player/bill+doolan/4292>

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Parkside's dominance in the Footscray District League has continued into the 1937 season.

"On Saturday last, at Newport, the locals were opposed to Parkside, and met defeat for the second time of the season. This defeat places Newport in third position below Spotswood and Parkside. Never at any time during the first half did Newport look like a winning side; in fact this period of the game was the worst exhibition of football the local team has ever given. Perhaps the absence of two very good players from the back line may have had something to do with the situation, but nevertheless it is safe to say that the team without any exception, was far below form In that devastating, first half, which ended with the scores at 66 points to 12 points in the visitors favour.

A glance at the final scores will show that the spectators were treated to something like football they have been used to, in the second half when Newport really had the call over their opponents, more particularly in the final term when they kicked five goals to two.

Final scores: Parkside: 15-19-109; Newport: 8-15-53."

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 26 Jun 1937

SPOTSWOOD v. PARKSIDES

"With both sides' displaying rugged and determined tactics, fortunes fluctuated in accordance with the strong wind that swept across the ground; Parksides' greater purpose in attack and steadiness in defence gave that side constant advantage over the more individual efforts of Spotswood. The second half saw Spotswood attacking repeatedly, but was repelled by great defence by Parksides. Players of both sides were frequently puzzled by the umpire's decisions. Parksides gained a hard-earnt victory by 11 points. "

Final scores: Parksides: 12 gls. 20 bhds. (92 pts). Spotswood: 11 gls. 15 bhds. (81 pts.).

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 24 July, 1937

"Up till half-time the Districts had given a good exhibition against the tall Parksides team, but for, the good kicking of the leading forwards and the erratic kicking of 'Town's-sharpshooters the scores of 9-3 to 4-3 could easily have 'been in 'Town's favour. After the second change the shortage of tall men were causing 'Town's downfall, Parksides consistently keeping the ball high, where T. Ward and A. McTaggart were the most effective on the ground. Two more players of-the ability of these chaps and 'Town would be making the opposition play hard.

Final scores: Parksides, 29-26; Districts, 6-16.

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 7 August, 1937

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Footscray District League – 1937 semi-final

Spotswood Citizens v. Parksides

*“Spotswood Citizens met Parksides at Yarraville. Half-time scores: Parkside, 4-10; Spotswood, 0-11. In the final term Parksides finished well and ran out easy winners, with **Parkside, 11-19; Spotswood, 2-20.**”*

Williamstown Chronicle, Sat 4 Septembert, 1937

I.C.I. v. PARKSIDE

“Last Saturday ended the first round, when I.C.I. were home to the leaders, Parkside. I.C.I. kicked with a strong wind, but took some time to settle down. At quarter time they led 4.4 to nil. This was the first time for five years that Parkside had failed to score in one quarter. ‘At half-time I.C.I. were down only 13 points, the scores being 4.5 to 6.6. The game was being played very hard and the leaders were hard pressed to keep I.C.I. out. At three-quarter time I.C.I. had again passed the

Parkside score and were 13 points in front. The last quarter was thrilling. For most of the quarter Parkside could not break through, but near the end two goals were scored to give them the lead. Just before the bell I.C.I. had a chance to score, but missed, and Parkside finished winners by 10.1: to 8.12, after a great game.”

Sunshine Advocate, 27 Aug 1937

“I.C.I. (Deer Park) earned a place in the Grand Final by beating Newport in the first semi-final and Spotswood in the second semi-final.

“I.C.I. have now won the right to meet Parksides for the premiership next Saturday at Footscray. A large following of supporters is assured, and the boys are very confident of winning their first premiership pennant. The players' bus will leave Sunshine at 1.40 p.m., and the supporters' bus leaves Deer Park at 2 p.m. and Sunshine at 2.15. Players and officials are looking forward to the trip to Maryborough on Saturday week.”

Sunshine Advocate, 3 September 1937

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Parkside's fourth premiership came in September 1937.

Prksides Defeat I.C.I. In Premiership Match

"Exhibiting considerably more vigour than the I.C.I. football team, Parksides gained their second consecutive premiership at the Footscray football ground on Saturday. The locals put up a game fight until half-time, but later on they wilted under the pressure and Parksides went on to win rather easily."

Sunshine Advocate, 17 September 1937

The 1937 Grand Final score: **Parkside 15.11.101 d Deer Park 8.13.61**

Parksides' Premiership

"Last Saturday Parksides again annexed the premiership in the A. grade after a grilling game. Parksides gave a wonderful display of football to win by 40 pts."

Best were: Sharp, R. Hobba, Cheeseman, Herring, Ward.

Last Wednesday at the players night the following trophies were decided:

- Best and fairest, C. Gration, donated by Mr. N. Griffin ;
- 2nd best and fairest, A. E. Sharp, donated by F. Jones ;
- most serviceable, T. Eason, (C. Curtain) ;
- most consistent, J. Johnson (W. Dreyer);
- best club man R. Ward (P. Kelly),
- most improved, V. Crehan (F. D. P. Miller)
- most unselfish, L. Cheeseman (D. Rogers)
- most enthusiastic, E. Armstrong (W. O'Brien).

A trip to Alexandra on September 26 and a dance in the Masonic Hall next Monday will be premiership celebrations."

The Mail, September 19, 1937

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